

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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Site # 1991.02.503

General Correspondence

September 10, 2004

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL: 7002 0510 0004 0410 0343 Mr. Guy Ramsey, Registered Agent T&N Partnership L.P. 712 Jefferson Street Tell City, IN 47586

Re:

Request for information concerning the property located at 4405 Allisonville Rd. Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Mr. Ramsey,

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management ("IDEM") is currently investigating the source, extent, and nature of the release or threatened release of hazardous substances or contaminants and/or petroleum substances on, or about, the sites known as the Tuchman Cleaners Site located at 4401 N. Keystone Avenue in Indianapolis, as well as the former Vantage Point Cleaners Site, located at 4449 Allisonville Road (hereinafter, collectively known as "Sites"). IDEM is seeking to identify activities, materials, and parties that may have contributed to contamination at the Sites in order to determine the full nature and extent of hazardous substances and/or contaminants at or emanating from the Sites.

As the owner of the property located at 4405 Allisonville Road, which is nearby or adjacent to the Sites, IDEM believes that you may possess information that can assist IDEM in its investigation. As part of IDEM's investigation we are, by this letter, requiring you to furnish information or documents relating to the identification, nature, and quantity of hazardous substances or contaminants and/or petroleum substances that have been identified at the 4405 Allisonville Road Property. Specifically, IDEM is seeking complete copies of environmental investigation reports prepared by Sagamore Environmental Services Incorporated, Alt & Witzig Engineering Incorporated, and/or any other engineering or environmental consulting firm concerning the 4405 Allisonville Road property.

IDEM's information gathering authority allows the agency to require persons to furnish information or documents relating to hazardous substances or contaminants for the purpose of determining the need for removal or remedial action under IND. CODE §§ 13-25-4-5 and/or 13-24-1-6. While IDEM seeks your cooperation in this investigation, compliance with this Information Request is required by law.

Pursuant to the authority of IND. CODE §§ 13-25-4-5 and/or 13-24-1-6, you are hereby requested to respond to the Information Request enclosed. Failure to respond fully and truthfully to the Information Request within thirty (30) days of the receipt of this letter, or to adequately justify a failure to respond, can result in enforcement action by IDEM pursuant to IND. CODE §§ 13-30-3 and/or 13-14-2. This enforcement action may seek the imposition of daily monetary penalties for every day of noncompliance

with this request. See IND. CODE § 13-30-4-1 (1998); see also IND. CODE § 13-14-2-6 (1998). Failure to provide IDEM with the information requested could result, in addition to an enforcement action, in IDEM seeking the assistance of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("U.S. EPA") and use of U.S. EPA's information request and enforcement authorities in order to compile the information needed by IDEM to assess the hazardous substances contamination at the Site. See 42 U.S.C. §§ 9604(e)(1)-(4)(outlining information gathering and access authorities under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA")).

IDEM defines non-compliance as failure to respond to the Request as well as failure to respond accurately, completely, and truthfully to this and any subsequent Requests. Be further advised that the provision of false, misleading, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations may subject you to criminal penalties under IND. CODE § 13-30-6-2 of fines and up to one hundred and eighty (180) days of imprisonment, or under IND. CODE § 13-30-6-3 of fines and up to three (3) years of imprisonment.

Your response to this request should be mailed to:

Dawn M. Groves
Office of Land Quality, State Cleanup Section
Indiana Department of Environmental Management
100 North Senate Avenue, Room N1101
P.O. Box 6015
Indianapolis, Indiana 46206-6015

Any legal questions regarding this Information Request should be directed to Meredith Gramelspacher, IDEM Office of Legal Counsel, at (317) 233-1430 or mgramels@dem.state.in.us. Any questions about the history of the Sites, the nature of the environmental conditions at the Sites, or the status of the cleanup activities should be directed to Dawn Groves at (317) 234-0434 or dgroves@dem.state.in.us.

If you have information about other parties (i.e., former owners of or operators at the 4405 Allisonville Road Property) who may have information that may assist IDEM in its investigation of the Sites or may be responsible for the contamination at the Sites, that information must be submitted to IDEM within the timeframe noted above.

Due to the legal ramifications of failure to respond promptly and properly to this Information Request, IDEM strongly encourages you to give this matter your immediate attention. I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely.

Harry E. Atkinson, Chief State Cleanup Section Office of Land Quality

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cc: Dawn Groves, IDEM OLQ

Meredith Gramelspacher, IDEM OLC